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PRESS RELEASE

Water Meter Replacement Scheduled in Lovettsville

Possible disruptions in water service could occur for homes and businesses along South and North Berlin Pike on August 15, 2011.

August 15, 2011: The Town of Lovettsville is scheduling with their contractor, Heritage Construction, to replace water meters along South and North Berlin Pike on August 15, 2011 from 8 am to 5 pm. In most cases, water disruption will occur for less than 20 minutes at the home where the meter is replaced. However, in isolated cases, the Town has found that the setters that hold the meters have broken during the replacement process. If this occurs, water must be turned off in the main lines for several hours in order for the meter assembly to be dug up and replaced. Unfortunately, there is no way to replace a setter without turning water off to a whole area. The Town will make every effort to avoid disruption to the water service during this change out.

The Town has been working to switch these older meters out for new meters. The new meters will be equipped with a touch pad attached to the meter lid which can be touched with a meter reading wand to obtain the reading. This eliminates the need for opening the crock to read the meter each billing cycle, speeding up the meter reading process and improving accuracy. A dual check valve will be added to any meters that do not have one as well in order to reduce the risk of cross contamination to the water system.

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